

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20, 2006

FORMER JOHN DELA HOWE COUNCELOR ARRESTED

A former John Dela Howe Counselor was arrested by SLED agents on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, and charged with **Lewd Act on a Minor and Indecent Exposure**.

The former counselor is identified as **Sharon Denise Baston**, 26, of 324 Olive Branch Terrace, Batesburg Leesville, South Carolina. She was arrested on Tuesday at approximately 12:40 p.m. and was booked at the McCormick County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the McCormick County Sheriff's Office. The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrants Attached.

ARREST WARRANT

J035402

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
MCCORMICK COUNTY

THE STATE

against

BASTON, SHARON DENISE

 Address: 324 OLIVE BRANCE TERRACE
BATESBURG LEESVILLE, SC 29006

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: F Race: B Height: _____ Weight: _____DL State: SC DL #: _____DOB: 5/23/1980 Agency ORI#: _____ SLEDProsecuting Agency: SC LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVProsecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICEROffense: LEWD ACT ON A MINOROffense Code: G2468Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-15-140
 This warrant is **CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE** in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

 The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

 _____ (L.S.)
Signature of Judge

Date _____

RETURN

 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant BASTON, SHARON DENISE
on Sept 17, 2006
B. Smith MCO #105
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

 PATTY L SMITH
P.O. BOX 1116
MCCORMICK, SC 298350000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
MCCORMICK COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

 Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618

 Personally appeared before me the affiant MCKIE, GERI who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant BASTON, SHARON DENISE
did within this county and state on May 24, 2006 P-5 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of MCCORMICK COUNTY)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

 LEWD ACT ON A MINOR
16-15-140

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the
crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

 THAT ON OR ABOUT MAY 26, 2006 ONE SHARON DENISE BASTON DID WILFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY
WHILE WORKING AS A COUNSELOR AT JOHN DELA HOWE SCHOOL DID KISS AND LAY ON TOP OF A
THIRTEEN YEAR OLD STUDENT. SAID OFFENSE OCCURRED AT JOHN DELA HOWE SCHOOL IN THE
HUGENOT COTTAGE, WHICH IS IN MCCORMICK COUNTY. INCIDENT INVESTIGATED BY GERI MCKIE OF
SLED.

Signature of Affiant



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
MCCORMICK COUNTY)
Affiant's Address 4400 BROAD RIVER RD.COLUMBIA, SC 29210Affiant's Telephone (803) 896-7250

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on _____ defendant BASTON, SHARON DENISE

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of MCCORMICK COUNTY) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

 LEWD ACT ON A MINOR
16-15-140

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

 Sworn to and subscribed before me)
on SEPTEMBER 15, 2006)

Patty L Smith (L.S.))

Signature of Issuing Judge)

Judge Code: 924

PATTY L SMITH

Judge's Address P.O. BOX 1116MCCORMICK, SC 298350000Judge's Telephone (864) 465-2316
 Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

12:40 pm
9/19/06

ARREST WARRANT

J035401

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
MCCORMICK COUNTY

THE STATE

against

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Address: 324 OLIVE BRANCE TERRACE

BATESBURG LEESVILLE, SC 29006

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: F Race: B Height: _____ Weight: _____

DL State: SC DL #: _____

DOB: 5/23/1980 Agency OR#: SLED

Prosecuting Agency: SC LAW ENFORCEMENT DIV

Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

Offense: INDECENT EXPOSURE

Offense Code: G0091

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-15-130

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Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date _____

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Deborah M. MCSO #105
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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16-15-130

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EXPOSE HERSELF TO A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD STUDENT BY LIFTING HER BLOUSE AND BRA EXPOSING HER
BREAST. SAID OFFENSE OCCURRED AT JOHN DELA HOWE SCHOOL IN THE HUGENOT COTTAGE, WHICH IS
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